

TOMORROW'S FORECAST

* The House will reconvene for its 36th Legislative Day on Thursday, March 21, at 10:00 AM.

* 14 bills are expected to be debated on the floor.



GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DAILY REPORT

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

35th Legislative Day

TODAY ON THE FLOOR

MOTIONS TO AGREE

HB 234 - Contracts; new chapter that provides for notice of automatic renewal provisions in service contracts; enact

- BILL SUMMARY: The legislation adds a new chapter 12 of Title 13, that provides for notice of automatic renewal provisions in service contracts; to provide for notice to a consumer prior to the automatic renewal of a service contract and for other purposes.

Section 1

Automatic renewal provision is a provision under which a service contract is renewed for a specified period of more than one month if the renewal causes the service contract to be in effect more than six months after the day of the initiation of the service contract. Such renewal is effective unless the consumer gives notice to the seller of the consumer's intention to terminate the service contract.

Consumer means a person receiving service, maintenance, or repair benefits under a service contract. The term does not include a person engaged in business or employed by or otherwise acting on behalf of a governmental entity if the person enters into the contract as part of the person's business activities.

Seller means any person, firm, partnership association or corporation engaged in commerce that sells, leases, or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer pursuant to a service contract.

Service contract is a written contract for the performance of services for a specified period of time.

Code Section 13-12-2 states that any seller sells, lease, or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer pursuant to a service contract that has an automatic renewal provision shall disclose the automatic renewal provision clearly and conspicuously in the contract or contract office.

Code Section 13-12-3 provides that any seller that sells leases or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer under a service contract for 12 months or more and that automatically renews for a specified period of more than one month, unless the consumer cancels the contract, shall provide the consumer with written or electronic notification of the automatic renewal process. The notification shall be provided to the consumer no less than 30 days or no more than 60 days before the cancellation deadline pursuant to the automatic renewal provision.

Such notice shall disclose clearly and conspicuously (1) that unless the consumer cancels the contract that the contract will automatically renew; and (2) the methods by which the consumer may obtain details of the automatic renewal provision and cancellation procedure, including contacting the seller at a specified telephone number or address, referring to the contract or any other method.

Code Section 13-12-4, provides that this chapter shall not apply to: (1) a financial institution as provided in Chapter 1 or 2 of Title 7 or any depository institution as defined in 12 U.S.C. Section 1813©(2); (2) a foreign bank maintaining a branch or agency licensed under the laws of any state of the United States; (3) any subsidiary or affiliate of an entity provided in paragraph (1) or (2) of this Code Section; or (4) any electric utility as provided in Chapter 3 of Title 46, (5) Any entity

regulated pursuant to Chapter 45 of Title 43; or (6) Any county, municipal corporation, authority, or local government or governing body.

Code Section 13-12-5 provides that a violation of this chapter renders the automatic renewal provision of a contract void and unenforceable.

Section 2

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013 and shall apply only to contracts entered into on or after that date.

Section 3

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Lynn Ratigan Smith of the 70th

- **House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs

- ***A Motion to Agree as Amended by the House sends this bill back to the Senate for consideration of the amendment.***

HB 255 - Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005; administration responsibilities from Department of Revenue to Department of Public Safety; transfer

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation moves responsibility of administration of the Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005 from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Public Safety.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Terry Rogers of the 10th

- **House Committee:** Public Safety & Homeland Security

- ***A motion to agree represents final passage of this bill.***

MOTIONS TO DISAGREE

HB 487 - Offenses against public health and morals; Georgia Lottery; correct a cross reference

- BILL SUMMARY: Section 1

50-27-70

This legislation would move existing definitions, licensure, and enforcement authority of coin operated amusement machines from the Department of Revenue to the Lottery Corporation.

50-27-71

This section allows the lottery corporation the ability to revoke or suspend a license of a location owner who violates the new restrictions set forth by this bill.

50-27-84

This section requires location owners and operators of Class B machines to submit to the lottery corporation monthly verified reports of cash flow.

50-27-87

The section prohibits location owners to obtain an operator's license to provide for checks and balances in the system and capture income and sales tax obligations. Increased enforcement penalties for violations of this subsection include license revocation and significant civil fines.

50-27-87

This section outlines unfair and deceptive trade practices. This includes the prohibition of an operator or location owner from offering or accepting procurement fees, gifts, etc. in exchange for locating a coin operated amusement machine in an establishment. Increased enforcement penalties for violations of this subsection include license revocation and significant civil fines.

50-27-89

This section creates an advisory board to oversee the Class B machine accounting terminal for the lottery corporation to implement.

50-27-101

This section requires the lottery corporation to procure a Class B accounting terminal that will link all Class B machines to a network for the purposes of auditing, reporting, and following cash flow through the system.

50-27-102

This section outlines that the state will not have any capital expenditures other than the accounting system, the operator has the financial and operating responsibilities to operate and maintain the machines, and the location owner is responsible for the store, staffing of the store, and completing the redemption process.

Section 2

This section provides the state with the ability to seize any Class B machines that are illegally paying out cash. It also removes

the prohibition on lottery tickets as a valid form of redemption.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Matt Ramsey of the 72nd

- **House Committee:** Regulated Industries

- *A motion to disagree sends this bill back to the Senate for consideration.*

RULES CALENDAR

HR 529 - House Georgia Music Industry Study Committee; create

- **BILL SUMMARY:** House Resolution 529 calls for the creation of the House Georgia Music Industry Study Committee which will be composed of five members who will be appointed by the Speaker. The committee will be charged with examining the issues facing Georgia's music industry, identify opportunities, and explore strategies to retain existing industry and talent and ensure growth, investment, and jobs.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Ben Harbin of the 122nd

- **House Committee:** Economic Development & Tourism

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

- **Yeas:** 157; **Nays:** 5

SB 120 - Probate Courts; provide for prosecuting attorneys in counties where there is not state court

- **BILL SUMMARY:** SB 120 establishes the process for counties to provide solicitors in probate courts that hear traffic cases. The county has discretion whether to ask for the service, and the district attorney has the right of first refusal to provide it. If the DA declines, the county may contract with a private attorney.

- **Authored By:** Sen. John Crosby of the 13th

- **House Committee:** Judiciary

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

- **Yeas:** 152; **Nays:** 1

SB 136 - "Kyle Glover Boat Education Law" and "Jake and Griffin BUI Law"; provide for greater public protection for hunting and boating

- **BILL SUMMARY:** SB 136 (LC 29 5618ERS-EC)

Changes are made to the legal limit for Boating Under the Influence (BUI) charges, lowering the legal limit for alcohol consumption to .08 grams from .10 grams. The presence of other illegal substances can all suffice for a BUI charge. Failure to submit to a chemical test, or the failure of a chemical test, may provide grounds for the suspension of an individual's license, hunting or otherwise, as well as imprisonment of not fewer than 10 days nor more than 12 months.

Similar changes were also made to the rules surrounding Hunting Under the Influence (HUI). Under this bill a DUI, BUI, or HUI would all be treated the same legislatively.

Children up through the age of 12 are required to have a life jacket on in the boat while it is in motion, and those 12 through 15 years of age may operate a personal water craft if he or she is accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older or he or she has successfully completed a boating education course approved by the department.

On and after July 1, 2014, a person 16 years of age or older may rent or lease any vessel ten horsepower or more if such person has completed a boating education course approved by the department.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Butch Miller of the 49th

- **House Committee:** Game, Fish, & Parks

- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

- **Yeas:** 146; **Nays:** 17

SB 212 - Education; require schools to provide training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation

- **BILL SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 212 would require schools to provide training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator for students in grades nine through twelve.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Jeff Mullis of the 53rd

- **House Committee:** Education

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

- **Yeas:** 140; **Nays:** 21

LOCAL CALENDAR

HB 568 - Warwick, City of; change description of council districts

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the city council of the City of Warwick.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Ed Rynders of the 152nd
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 571 - Macon, City of; Payne City, City of; Bibb County; change provisions relative to initial budgets

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act to provide for the restructuring of the City of Macon, the City of Payne City, so as to change provisions relative to initial budgets.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Allen Peake of the 141st
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 572 - Wilcox County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Wilcox County Board of Commissioners.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 577 - Wilcox County; Board of Education; change description of districts

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Wilcox County Board of Education.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 583 - Griffin, City of; Municipal Court; charge technology fee for each civil case and criminal fine imposed; authorize

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Griffin to charge a technology fee for each civil case and criminal fine imposed.
- **Authored By:** Rep. David Knight of the 130th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 585 - Davisboro, City of; provide new charter

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Davisboro.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mack Jackson of the 128th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 586 - Kingsland, City of; creation of one or more community improvements districts; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the City of Kingsland.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Ellis Black of the 174th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 587 - Dooly County; Board of Education; provide for compensation of members

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for compensation of the members of the Board of Education of Dooly County.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Patty Bentley of the 139th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 588 - Cobb County; Probate Court; change compensation of chief deputy sheriff and others

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act changing the compensation of the Clerk of Superior Court, the Sheriff, and the Judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Don Parsons of the 44th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 592 - Pierce County State Court; change compensation of judge and solicitor-general

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to establish the State Court of Pierce County, so as to change the compensation of the judge and solicitor-general of the State Court.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Chad Nimmer of the 178th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 597 - Scotland, City of; nonbinding advisory referendum to select mayor and city council; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for a nonbinding, advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the General Assembly should enact legislation authorizing the City of Scotland to select its mayor and city councilmembers to serve for four-year terms.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jimmy Pruett of the 149th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 600 - City of Bainbridge Public Facilities Authority Act; enact

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to create the City of Bainbridge Public Facilities Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jay Powell of the 171st
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

HB 602 - Americus-Sumter County Land Bank Authority; create

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to create the Americus-Sumter County Land Bank Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Cheokas of the 138th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 144; **Nays:** 0

** The House will reconvene Thursday, March 21, at 10:00 AM, for its 36th Legislative Day.*

COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 36th Legislative Day, Thursday, March 21, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

NEXT ON THE FLOOR

HR 644 - House Study Committee on Timber Security; create

- BILL SUMMARY: HR 644 creates a House Timber Security Study Committee to study the unauthorized taking of wood and to establish penalties for those who take timber without authorization. The committee will be comprised of the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, five representatives appointed by the Speaker, and one member of the local law enforcement community and the forestry community appointed by the Speaker.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st

- **House Committee:** Judiciary

- **House Committee Passed:** 3/14/2013

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 11 - Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council; reestablish; membership; duties

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 11 creates the Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council and states that the Environmental Protection Division shall coordinate its creation. The bill delineates the council's membership, which shall consist of the executive officer, or his or her designee, of the following entities:

(A) Association County Commissioners of Georgia;

(B) Department of Community Affairs;

(C) Department of Economic Development;

(D) Department of Homeland Security;

(E) Department of Natural Resources;

(F) Department of Public Health;

(G) Department of Revenue;

(H) Department of Transportation;

(I) Environmental Protection Division;

(J) Georgia Association of Regional Commissions;

(K) Georgia Emergency Management Agency;

(L) Georgia Environmental Finance Authority;

(M) Georgia Municipal Association;

(N) Georgia Technology Authority;

(O) Office of Planning and Budget;

(P) State Forestry Commission; and

(Q) State Properties Commission

The bill also states that the chairperson of the Georgia Geographical Information Systems Coordinating Committee shall serve in the council in a nonvoting advisory capacity.

The bill also states that councilmembers will not be compensated for their services as members of the council, but their travel expenses may be covered by the entity they represent.

The bill goes on to list the council's duties, which consist of monitoring, studying and ascertaining Georgia's present geospatial capabilities, the need for strengthening capabilities, and the extent to which such needs are currently met; planning for a sustainable state geographical information systems program; seeking input from relevant stakeholders; compiling and disseminating reports; coordinating with and making recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, state agencies, counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of Georgia regarding geographical information systems; and adopting bylaws for the conduct of its business.

The bill requires the council to produce an audit of Georgia's geospatial capabilities that contains a complete status update and recommendations for utilizing Georgia's geospatial capabilities to meet Federal Emergency Management Agency notification requirements, recommendations for moving forward to achieve governmental data interoperability and enhanced delivery of services to Georgia citizens through the geospatial approach, and any other geospatial technology.

The new code section would be repealed on June 30, 2016.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Earl "Buddy" Carter of the 1st

- **House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment

- **House Committee Passed:** 3/14/2013

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 14 - Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force; create

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 14 creates a Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force. The task force shall study and collect data to assess the current and future impact of the disease, identify resources available to those with the disease, review the national Alzheimer's plan and develop a state plan for addressing Alzheimer's disease. The task force will consist of 6 members: the director of the Division of Aging Services within the Department of Human Services, the commissioner of community health or his or her designee, the state health officer or his or her designee, the chairperson of the House Committee on the Health and Human Services, the chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, and the chairperson of the House Committee on Human Relations and Aging. The members will not receive compensation outside of their authorized per diem.

The goal of the task force is to create a comprehensive state plan to address Alzheimer's and related dementias in Georgia, which is due to the Governor and General Assembly on March 31, 2014. After the task force is abolished, the group becomes an advisory council meeting annually to review progress of the state plan.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Renee S Unterman of the 45th
- **House Committee:** Human Relations & Aging
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/13/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 76 - Returning Veterans Task Force; create; membership

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 76 creates the Returning Veterans Task Force as a part of the Department of Veterans' Service. The Returning Veterans Task Force shall consist of one representative from the Departments of Veterans' Service, Community Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Labor, Defense, Board of Regents, and Technical College System of Georgia. Each representative will be appointed by the head of the same Department. The Department of Veterans' Service representative shall serve as chairperson.

The purpose of the task force will be to meet quarterly to investigate and report to the relevant Department, ways to improve services to honorably discharged veterans. The task force shall report specific improvement suggestions to the Speaker of the House, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Governor by November 1st every year.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Lester G. Jackson of the 2nd
- **House Committee:** Defense & Veterans Affairs
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/12/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 82 - Education; change designations from North Georgia College to the University of North Georgia

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 82 changes the designation of North Georgia College to the University of North Georgia, and designates the University of North Georgia as the senior military college of Georgia.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Steve Gooch of the 51st
- **House Committee:** Higher Education
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/14/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 87 - Roadside Markets Incentive Program; repeal

- BILL SUMMARY: Section 1

The bill repeals Article 4 of Chapter 10 of Title 2 relating to the roadside market incentive program.

Section 2

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Frank Ginn of the 47th
- **House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/13/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 97 - Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef; create; membership; powers

- BILL SUMMARY: Section 1

The bill provides for the establishment of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef. For the purposes of this paragraph, 'beef' means any bovine animal.

Section 2

The bill provides for the governance of the commission and the balloting cycle of every three years.

Section 3

Code Section 2-8-14 is amended and relating to the composition of agricultural commodity commissions generally, so as to provide that each commission shall be comprised of: 1.) The Agriculture Commissioner, ex officio; 2.) The president of the Georgia Farm Bureau, ex officio; 3.) One member elected to serve as ex officio by the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee who shall be a producer of an affected agricultural commodity and shall not be a member of the General Assembly; 4.) One member elected to serve as ex officio by the House of Representatives Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee who shall be a producer of an affected agricultural commodity and shall not be a member of the General Assembly and 5.) Five additional members, who shall be producers of the affected agricultural commodity, to be appointed by the ex officio members of the commission; provided however, that such additional membership of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef shall consist of three beef cattle farmers, one dairy farmer and one individual involved in the marketing of cattle.

For the purpose of appointment of the five members, the two members elected by the respective agriculture and consumer affairs committees of the General Assembly shall serve as ex officio members.

Section 4

Code Section 2-8-23.1 provides that no marketing order issued by the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef shall be impose an assessment in excess of \$1.00 per head on bovine animals sold, nor shall any assessment be placed on a bovine animal which sells for less than \$100.00. The assessment may be lower the assessment at the discretion of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef.

Section 5

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Section 6

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are repealed.

- **Authored By:** Sen. John Wilkinson of the 50th
- **House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/13/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 140 - Insurance; include contracts, agreements, and instruments for repair of a motor vehicle

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 140 includes contracts, agreements, and instruments for the repair of certain wear and tear of a motor vehicle to include rips, burns, tears, holes, and punctures to interior fabric or carpet, cosmetic repair to aluminum or painted wheels, and exterior reconditioning of foggy or yellowed headlights within the definition of property insurance in a manner similar to vehicle service agreements or extended warranty agreements.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Jack Murphy of the 27th
- **House Committee:** Insurance
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/13/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 179 - Public Contracts; if sealed competitive proposal requested/price or project cost not a selection factor; no bid bond shall be required

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 179 clarifies when a bid bond is required on a public works contract, corrects some cross-references for payment bonds and establishes when public owners have the authority to utilize both liquidated damages and early contract completion incentives when a project schedule is deemed to have value.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Hunter Hill of the 6th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/14/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

SB 187 - State Government; provide exemption for the board of commissioners of Georgia Student Finance Commission; board of directors

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 187 adds the board of commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission and the board of directors of the Georgia Student Finance Authority to the list of postsecondary education groups that must develop policies or regulations regarding postsecondary benefits that comply with federal law.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Judson Hill of the 32nd
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/13/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 236 - Insurance; require insurers; indicate amount of the premium increase; Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 236 requires health insurance companies to include an attachment on their annual premium statement identifying what percentage increase in premium cost is attributable to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The provisions of this bill will stand repealed on December 31, 2014.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Burt Jones of the 25th
- **House Committee:** Insurance
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/13/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

SR 113 - Public Property; granting of restrictive and nonexclusive easements for operation/maintenance of facilities, utilities 16 counties

- BILL SUMMARY: SR 113 is a resolution granting nonexclusive easements for operation and maintenance of facilities, utilities, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through state-owned property in Barrow, Carroll, Chatham, Cobb, Crisp, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Forsyth, Hall, Henry, Laurens, Macon, Paulding, Richmond, and White counties.
- Article I grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.05 of an acre in Barrow County to Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating a power line and associated equipment. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at Fort Yargo State Park. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.
- Article II grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.34 of an acre in Carroll County to Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating a power line and associated equipment. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the West Georgia Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.
- Article III grants a nonexclusive easement on 5.848 acres in Chatham County to the Georgia Department of Transportation, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a bridge. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Back River and connects to Jasper County, South Carolina. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.
- Article IV grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.276 acres in Chatham County to the Georgia Power Company, for installing, maintaining, and operating an underground electric utility line. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the Aviation Training Center on the Crossroads Campus of Savannah Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.
- Article V grants a nonexclusive easement contingent on the Department of Natural Resources' and State's approval, in Chatham County to Regents, for the purpose of ingress and egress. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at the Wormsloe Historic Site. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.
- Article VI grants a nonexclusive easement on 1.01 acres in Cobb County to the City of Marietta, for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining a pedestrian trail and related sidewalks, ramps, piping and drainage structures, and signal boxes. The property is known as the Western and Atlantic Railroad tract and is currently in the custody of the State Properties Commission. The consideration for this easement is \$136,320.
- Article VII grants a nonexclusive easement on 1 acre in Crisp County to the Citizens Telephone Company, Inc., for installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground fiber optic line and necessary equipment to provide internet service. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Georgia Veterans State Park at Lake Blackshear. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.
- Article VIII grants a nonexclusive easement on 2.92 acres in Dade County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining an overhead power line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Cloudland Canyon State Park. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.
- Article IX grants a nonexclusive easement on 4.26 acres in Dawson County to Windstream Standard, L.L.C., for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground and above ground fiber optic line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at Amicalola Falls State Park. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.
- Article X grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in Dawson County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical power line and necessary equipment. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at Lanier Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.
- Article XI grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in the City of Decatur, Dekalb County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of moving, locating, maintaining, and operating power lines and related facilities. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense and is located at the Decatur Armory. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.
- Article XII grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.13 acres in the City of Cumming, Forsyth County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of moving, locating, maintaining, and operating above and underground power lines, transformers, and power boxes. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense and is located at the Cumming National Guard Regional Readiness Center. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.
- Article XIII grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in Hall County to the City of Gainesville, for the purpose of laying,

constructing, operating, and maintaining utility structures including a sanitary sewer line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections and is located at the Gainesville Probation Office & Day Reporting Center. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XIV grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in Henry County to the Snapping Shoals Electric Membership Corporation, for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical power line. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the Southern Crescent Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XV grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.21 acres in Laurens County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of moving, locating, maintaining, and operating underground power lines. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense and is located at the Dublin Armory. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XVI grants a nonexclusive easement on 1.63 acres in Macon County to the Flint electrical membership Corporation, for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical power line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Education and is located at Camp John Hope. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XVII grants a nonexclusive easement on 4.7 acres in Paulding County to Mark B. Shipp and J. Cliff Shipp, for ingress and egress. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at the Sheffield Wildlife Management Area. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00 and the encumbrance of the Grantee's 45-acre property with the Right of First Refusal in favor of the State for the State to acquire that property for appraised value.

Article XVIII grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.27 acres in Richmond County to the City of Augusta, for installation, operation, and maintenance of a sanitary sewer. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the main campus of Augusta technical College in Richmond. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XIX grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.21 acres in Richmond County to the City of Augusta, for the purpose of replacement of existing water meter, and installation of a new backflow preventer. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections and is located at the Augusta State Medical Prison. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

Article XX grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.12 acres in White County to the Habersham Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining an overhead fiber optic cable line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Unicoi State Park and Lodge. The consideration for this easement is \$10.00.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Jackson of the 24th
- **House Committee:** State Properties
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/13/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SR 267 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; urge to close Noyes Cut in the Satilla River System

- **BILL SUMMARY:** SR 267 urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers to implement the proposed project for plugging the Noyes Cut within the Satilla River System.
- **Authored By:** Sen. William Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd
- **House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/14/2013
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

**** The Rules Committee will next meet on Thursday, March 21, at 9:00 AM, to set the Rules Calendar for the 37th Legislative Day.***

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Economic Development & Tourism

SB 177 - Georgia Tourism Foundation; change the membership

- BILL SUMMARY: Senate bill 177 establishes the Georgia Tourism Foundation within the Department of Economic Development. The foundation will be comprised of no less than 9, but no more than 18 members appointed by the Governor, for a total membership of no more than 20. Membership will always include at least 3 members of the Board of Economic Development, but at no time will the Board members comprise more than one-third of the Foundation's membership. The Georgia Tourism Foundation will be authorized to fix a precise number of members, within these parameters, by resolution adopted from time to time at a meeting attended by a majority of its members.

The foundation will be granted the following charitable public purposes and powers:

- Soliciting and accepting contributions of money and in-kind contributions of services and property for the State-wide Tourism Marketing Program;
- Making and disbursing contributions to the department for such purposes;
- Seeking recognition of tax exempt status by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and seeking confirmation concerning the deductibility of contributions;
- Formulating recommendations for the State-wide Tourism Marketing Program;
- Creating subsidiaries with like character and powers but with limited missions keyed to particular component programs and activities, per the Governor's approval;
- Providing additional officers and governance through bylaws which are consistent with the goals of lessening the government burden in promoting tourism, establishing and maintaining tax exempt status, and soliciting deductible contributions; and the
- Authority to administer and disperse grants and gifts awarded by the federal government in accordance with the terms of said grants and gifts.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Frank Ginn of the 47th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Health & Human Services

SB 94 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; delegation of authority to order radiographic imaging tests; revise prov.

- BILL SUMMARY: Senate Bill 94 would allow advanced practice registered nurses to order radiographic imaging tests in situations that are not life threatening.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Fran Millar of the 40th

- **Committee Action:** Tabled

Health & Human Services

SB 216 - Pharmacies; provide that medical director of an emergency service provider may contract with more than one pharmacy

- BILL SUMMARY: Senate Bill 216 allows the medical director of an emergency service provider to contract with more than one pharmacy as a provider of drugs and consultant services. The bill also changes the code that requires pharmacists to be physically present in a hospital pharmacy for those hospitals within the state that remotely serves only on weekends, do not have more than four other hospitals under the same ownership or management, and have an average daily census of less than 12 acute patients.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Earl "Buddy" Carter of the 1st

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Health & Human Services

SR 413 - Advance Directive for Health Care; urge adult citizens; appoint health care agent; treatment preferences

- BILL SUMMARY: Senate Resolution 413 encourages Georgians with serious medical conditions to talk with their doctors about life-sustaining treatments and urges them to complete and maintain an advance directive for health care.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Nan Orrock of the 36th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Human Relations & Aging

SB 62 - Federal and State Funded Health Care Financing Program Overview Committee; establish

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 62 establishes the Federal and State Funded Health Care Financing Programs Overview Committee. The Committee will consist of one member from the House, appointed by the Speaker; one member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; the Chairpersons or their designee from the following House Committees: Appropriations, Health and Human Services, and Ways and Means; the Chairpersons or their designee from the following Senate Committees: Appropriations, Health and Human Services, and Finance; and finally minority leaders from the House and Senate or their designee. Members will serve a two-year term concurrent with their Legislative term. The chairperson is to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the vice chairperson is to be appointed by the Speaker. The committee will review the actions, analyze reports, and make recommendations of the board and the department under this article, Chapter 8 of Title 31, Article 9. By January first of each year, the committee will report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

The Committee members will be allowed to use state funds available to the legislative branch to compensate staff, pay for independent accountants, engineers, and consultants, and provide per diem to the committee members.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Judson Hill of the 32nd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 380 - Fulton County; Board of Education; shall be the retirement and pension plan sponsor and funding agent of such plan; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend the act which created a system of pension and retirement pay for the Fulton County Board of Education so as to provide that it shall be the plan sponsor and funding agent of such plan, to provide for the administration of the plan through a committee of the board of education, to provide for a committee known as the pension board, and to provide for the membership and duties of the pension board.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Lynne Riley of the 50th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 528 - Peachtree City, City of; levy an excise tax

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the City of Peachtree City to levy a hotel/motel tax.
- **Authored By:** Rep. John P Yates of the 73rd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 561 - Jesup, City of; change description of election districts

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the board of commissioners of the City of Jesup.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Chad Nimmer of the 178th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 575 - Peachtree Corners, City of; city's ability to enter into agreements with other governmental parties; change certain provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Peachtree Corners so as to change certain provisions relating to the city's ability to enter into agreements with other governmental parties; to clarify the city's municipal elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Rice of the 95th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 589 - Washington County; Board of Education; revise districts for election of members

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Washington County Board of Education.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mack Jackson of the 128th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 590 - Polk County; Board of Education; revise districts for election of members

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Polk County Board of Education.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Trey Kelley of the 16th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 591 - Clayton County School System; repeal Act creating a code of ethics and ethics commission

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to create a code of ethics and ethics commission for the Clayton County School System.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Glanton of the 75th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 593 - Washington County; board of commissioners; revise districts for election of members

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Washington County Board of Commissioners.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mack Jackson of the 128th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 594 - Fulton County Personnel Board and Fulton County Merit System of Personnel Administration; all future employees other than public safety employees shall be unclassified; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act pertaining to the Fulton County Personnel Board and the Fulton County Merit System of Personnel Administration so as to provide that all future employees other than public safety shall be unclassified.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Chuck Martin of the 49th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 596 - Telfair County; Board of Education; change description of districts

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the election districts of the Board of Education of Telfair County.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jimmy Pruett of the 149th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 598 - Fulton County; employees employed after July 1, 2013, to serve the Superior Court, Magistrate Court or State Court shall be employees at will; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide that Fulton County employees first or again employed on and after July 1, 2013, to serve the Superior Court of Fulton County, the Magistrate Court of Fulton County, or the State Court of Fulton County shall be employees at will.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 603 - Cobb County State Court; change compensation of judges

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide compensation for the judges of the State Court of Cobb County.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Stacey Evans of the 42nd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 604 - Fulton County; dates on which governing authority may make or fix certain levies of ad valorem taxes; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for dates on which the governing authority of Fulton County may make or fix certain levies of ad valorem taxes.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jan Jones of the 47th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

SB 222 - Conyers, City of; election/term of office of the mayor and councilmembers; repeal certain provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to repeal provisions in the charter of the City of Conyers relating to the election and terms of office of the mayor and councilmembers.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

SB 223 - Board of Commissioners of Schley County; change the description of commissioner districts

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Schley County Board of Commissioners.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Ed Harbison of the 15th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Motor Vehicles

SB 121 - License Plates; retired members of the General Assembly

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 121 authorizes the creation of a specialty license plate for former members of the General Assembly that served at least eight years. It also provides for the creation of specialty license plates supporting the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Atlanta Braves. Ten dollars from the sale of each plate will go to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Atlanta Braves Foundation respectively.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Motor Vehicles

SB 231 - Georgia Driver's Education Commission; additional sums collected on fines; extend the sunset provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 231 amends the act known as "Joshua's Law". It decreases the additional 5% fee charged on state fines to 1.5% and it extends the sunset date to June 30, 2016. Finally, it requires an annual report to be submitted to the General Assembly detailing the collection and expenditure of collected funds.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Barry Loudermilk of the 14th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Public Safety & Homeland Security

SB 23 - "Stacey Nicole English Act"; aid in the location of missing persons; incapacitated due to medical conditions; establish

- BILL SUMMARY: Senate bill 23 establishes the Stacey Nicole English Act. It prohibits law enforcement agencies from mandating a minimum waiting period for filing a missing persons report. The response to the report remains at the discretion of the law enforcement agency. The legislation defines a "medically endangered person" and adds such persons to the provisions of the Mattie's Call Act. In the event that a state-wide alert is activated, the law enforcement agencies are not prohibited from taking additional measures in response to the receipt of the missing persons report. Additional prohibition of a minimum waiting period for the activation of an alert or before a report may be given to the bureau is placed on the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The discretion to activate is left to the director, however. In determining whether to activate the alert, the director and the requesting law enforcement agency are required to take into account the known medical condition of the missing person if the medical condition could reasonably be considered a cause for the inability to locate the person. If such condition may be immediately life-threatening or incapacitating, the director or other authorized person and the requesting law enforcement official shall be authorized, within his or her discretion, to initiate and request, respectively, a state-wide endangered person advisory. Finally, the bill amends Code section 40-2-26 to require the commissioner to provide to a registration applicant an opportunity to designate an alternative emergency contact telephone number that shall be made available to a law enforcement officer making a vehicle tag inquiry in the course of conducting official law enforcement business.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Gail Davenport of the 44th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Public Safety & Homeland Security

SB 101 - Firearms; regulate the sale, use and possession in this state

- BILL SUMMARY: The committee substitute replaces SB 101 with the language from HB 512 with changes including allowing places of worship to opt in to allowing congregation members to carry guns in church, restoring bar carry to current law, striking 'courthouses' from inclusion in government buildings, and clarification of private universities and their rights to decide on campus carry themselves. Additionally, the legislation included a prohibition of persons or entities to create or maintain a multijurisdictional data base of information regarding persons issued carry licenses. The judge of the probate court or his or her designee is authorized to verify the legitimacy and validity of a weapons carry license to a license holder, pursuant to a subpoena or court order, or for public safety purposes, but said judge or designee is not authorized to provide any further information regarding license holders.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Frank Ginn of the 47th

- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

** Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office, and are then placed on the General Calendar.*

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 21, 2013

TBD	Floor Session (LD36)	HOUSE CHAMBER (10:00am)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Labor Management Subcommittee of Industry and Labor	506 CLOB
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	RULES	341 CAP (or Upon Adj. of Senate Appropriations)
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL	415 CLOB
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	BANKS & BANKING	341 CAP
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	TRANSPORTATION	506 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	EDUCATION	606 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	REGULATED INDUSTRIES	403 CAP
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Driver Safety & Services Subcommittee of Motor Vehicles	515 CLOB
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	JUDICIARY CIVIL	132 CAP
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	406 CLOB
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Utilities Subcommittee of Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications	515 CLOB
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	WAYS & MEANS	606 CLOB
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION	403 CAP

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